

KIDSNET UPDATE

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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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KIDSNET recognizes "Frequent Users"

On November 8, 2005, KIDSNET presented Certificates of Appreciation to those pediatric providers who logged on to the website two or more times per week from August-October 2005. The 14 practices that were recognized are:

Aquidneck Medical Associates of Newport
BVCHC of Pawtucket
Broadway Medical Treatment Center
Children First Pediatrics
East Greenwich Pediatrics
Hillside Avenue Family & Community Medicine
Karim Khanbhai, MD
Kids Health Team
Meds Peds Practice Hasbro
Northstar Pedi Primary Care
Northwest Health Center
Rainbow Peds Primary Care
Drs SanAntonio & Chavarria
Wakefield Pediatrics

KIDSNET "completeness": 78.4%

KIDSNET measures the "completeness" of the database by calculating the number of children who are given at least one vaccine other than hepatitis B at birth. In early November, we calculated that 78.4% of the children in KIDSNET meet this criteria.

Another way to arrive at KIDSNET "completeness" is by looking at participating pediatric practices. As of November 2005, 119 of the approximately 170 pediatric provider practices in Rhode Island participate in KIDSNET. These 119 practices in Rhode Island see about 78.4% of the children born on or after January 1, 1997.

KIDSNET New Users

This month we welcome two new schools, Cranston Johnston Catholic Regional School and St. Leo the Great School.

Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 222-4220 with any questions or suggestions

Thanks for responding to the survey "How Can KIDSNET Contact You?"

Out of the 247 users, we received 57 (23%) responses, as summarized below:

Respondent type	Received responses	Users with email
Pediatric practice	42	27
Other user (Head Start, Lead Center, Schools)	15	15
Total	57	42

Given the responses received, we plan to continue to send the KIDSNET Update in hard copy, but will send it also electronically to those who have requested. If your practice or group gets electronic mail in the future, please contact us kidsnet@doh.state.ri.us and we will add your name and contact to the list.

Immunization Updates

Vision screening is a new school entry requirement for all Rhode Island children entering kindergarten beginning September 2006. The state *School Physical Form* has been updated to include a space for documentation of vision screening. Other additions to the form include a space for documentation of a need for an epinephrine auto-injector, scoliosis screening, and immunization exemption(s) where applicable. You can download this form from the Rhode Island Department of Health website at www.health.ri.gov/topics/RI_SchoolPhysicalForm.pdf or through your KIDSNET website.

The Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Reporting of Communicable, Environmental, and Occupational Diseases are being amended in order to add varicella, influenza-associated hospitalizations, and influenza-associated pediatric deaths to the list of reportable events; to add additional requirements for laboratory testing and reporting of bioterrorism agents; and to update the section on childhood lead poisoning reporting. Proposed regulations are available at: <http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/regulations/proposed/communicable-prop.pdf>.

Lead Screening

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate a report of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. Pediatric practices that used this report in October 2005 are: **Bald Hill Pediatrics, Broadway Medical Treatment Center, Dr. Ramos, Family Doctors of East Providence, Hasbro Kids Health Team, MHRI Primary Care Pediatric Center, and South Shore Family Practice.**

If you would like to run this report and need a training review, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the Help Desk at 222-4220. Thank you for your help ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

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